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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CACHING SUBSCRIBED AND NON-SUBSCRIBED CONTENT IN A NETWORK DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

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A method, apparatus, and computer implemented instructions for managing data in a network data processing system. A packet containing data associated with content is received. A determination is made as to

10 whether the packet is enabled for content distribution by examining the data packet. Responsive to the packet being enabled for content distribution, the content is distributed in response to a request for the content without requiring a validity check. If the packet is not

15 enabled for content distribution, a validity check is performed on the content using control information contained within the header of the data packet.